GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TANNERY MODERNISATION FUND SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government are considering extension of the scope of the Tannery Modernisation Fund Scheme introduced in the year 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of proposals received from tanneries under the Tannery Modernisation Fund Scheme till now and the total number of tanneries actually modernised alongwith funds provided to them so far;

(d) the number of proposals pending with the Government;

(e) whether the government have received any proposal from the leather industry to enhance the grant component of the Tannery Modernisation Fund;

(f) if so the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

g) the fresh steps taken to provide all the incentives and infrastructure facilities needed for accelerated development of this sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a & b) The response received from the leather industry to the Tannery Modernisation Scheme (TMS) launched in January 2000 has been quite encouraging. Extension of the scope of the Scheme is subject to allocation of sufficient funds in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c to f) Till now, 144 applications have been received out of which 93 proposals covering 86 tanneries have been sanctioned a financial assistance of Rs. 9.44 crore. Modernisation process in respect of 60 proposals covering 53 tanneries has already been completed and the corresponding assistance of Rs. 6.81 crore disbursed to them. Applications of 37 tanneries, received recently are under process. Representations have been received from some quarters regarding the parameters of the Scheme;

(g) Required steps to bridge the critical gaps in infrastructure for integrated development of leather industry are being taken under the Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP) and UNDP-assisted Small Industries Development & Employment Programme in th Leather Sector (SIDE-NLDP).